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In re the Application of: **Takaki KANBARA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1711**

Application Number: **10/573,456**

Examiner: **G. Listvoyb**

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For: **POLYAMINOPYRIDINES AND PROCESS FOR PREPARING THE
SAME**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 15, 2007

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated April 18, 2007.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group I, Claims (1-6) and Group II, Claims (7-9).

Applicants hereby elects the subject matter of Group I, Claims (1-6) for prosecution in this application.

This election is made **with traverse**. This application is a US national stage of **PCT application**. Group I and Group II satisfy the combination of categories provided in under 37 CFR § 1.475(b) and satisfy unity of invention under 37 CFR §1.475(b).

The Examiner alleged that the invention as claimed does not define a special technical feature distinguishing the claimed invention over the prior art. However, the Examiner has not

specified how the claimed invention is anticipated. Without specific finding of anticipation, the issue cannot be addressed. The issue will be discussed upon receiving the rejection on the merits.

As provided at 37 CFR § 1.475(b), a national stage application containing claims to different categories of invention can be considered to have unity of invention if the claims distinguishable over prior art are drawn only to one of the following combinations of categories:

- (1) A product and a process specially adapted for the manufacture of said product; or
- (2) A product and process of use of said product; or
- (3) A product, a process specially adapted for the manufacture of the said product, and a use of the said product; or
- (4) A process and an apparatus or means specifically designed for carrying out the said process; or
- (5) A product, a process specially adapted for the manufacture of the said product, and an apparatus or means specifically designed for carrying out the said process.

The present application satisfies the combination of categories of above (1).

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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